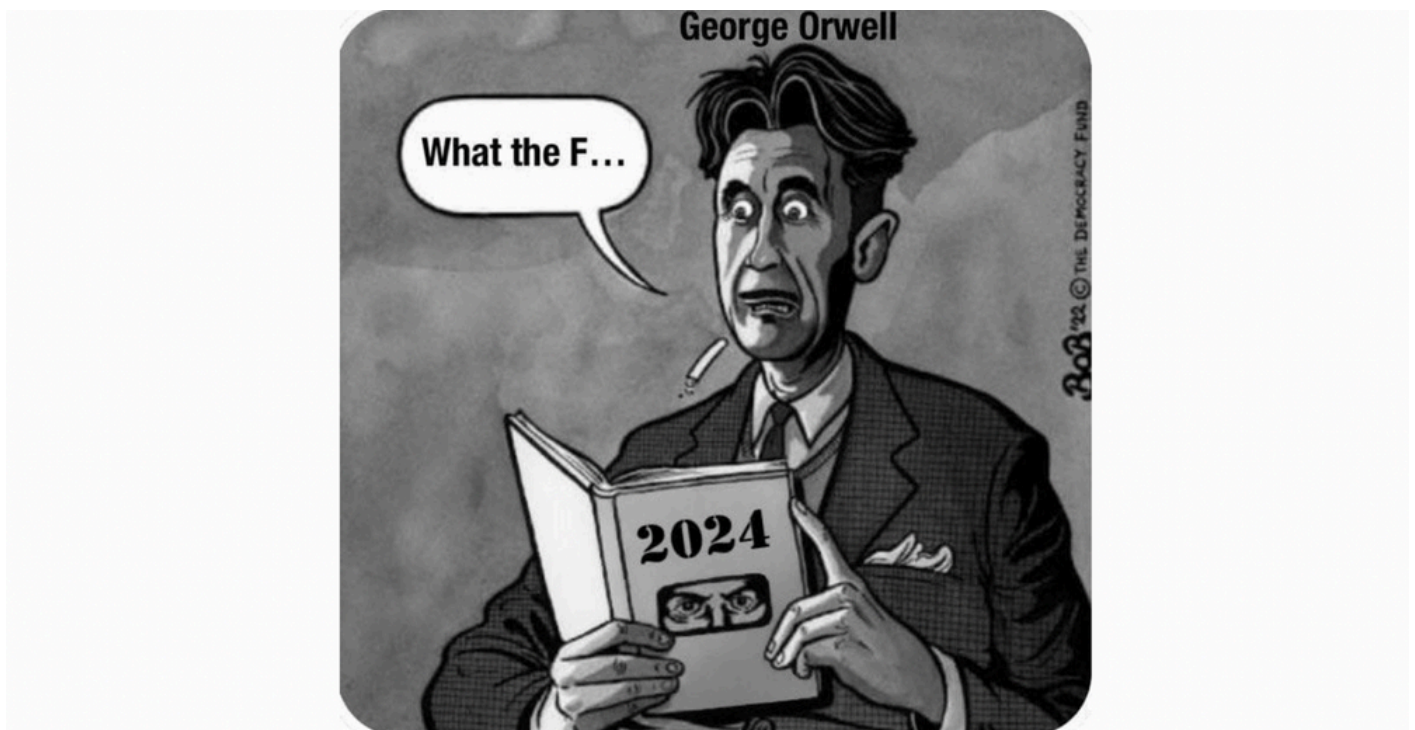


# How Scotland Became An Orwellian Nightmare



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Imagine living in a world where sitting in your own living room and saying “men can’t be women” could result in the police logging a “hate incident” against your name.

Imagine, too, that your legally protected right to express such an opinion counted for nothing because all that mattered was whether the person who heard you perceived it to be offensive.

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If you live in Scotland, this is the world you will be living in as of Monday. And no, it's not an April Fool's prank by the Scottish Government, despite the date when it comes into force.

The Hate and Public Order (Scotland) Act will, according to its critics, be a state-sponsored assault on free speech with sinister parallels to the Stasi in East Germany.

Billed as a necessary legislative update to a hotch-potch of anti-hate laws (it finally abolishes the offence of blasphemy, last prosecuted in 1843) it extends the offence of stirring up hatred to cover not only race and religion but also age, disability, sexual orientation, transgender identity and "variations in sex characteristics".

Politicians have warned that the new law will be "weaponised" by the radical trans lobby to criminalise anyone who states their belief in the immutability of someone's birth sex.

Meanwhile, *The Telegraph* has been told that Police Scotland – which has just announced it will no longer investigate certain low-level crimes – is diverting resources so it can investigate the expected influx of accusatory phone calls it will receive from those offended by other people's opinions.

The force has promised to investigate every hate crime complaint it receives, and if the complainant (or victim, as they are officially referred to) insists they were upset by something they perceived to be a hate crime, it will be logged as a non-crime hate incident (NCHI) even if there is not a shred of evidence of any crime being committed.

Little wonder that women's rights campaigners fear that the new law will be used by trans radicals to settle scores and silence anyone who dares to challenge their world view.

If George Orwell was still around, he could perhaps write a book about it and call it *Twenty Twenty-Four*.

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